

Change in Grading Policy:

The Tennessee Board of Law Examiners announces a change in its grading policy. Beginning with the February 2011 Tennessee Bar Examination all essay scores will be scaled to the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). A combined total of 270 points will be needed to pass the Tennessee Bar Examination. The Board of Law Examiners will no longer perform a regrading process and the practice of sending requested copies of an applicant's unsuccessful essays will be discontinued. Consistent with current practice successful examinees will be notified that they have passed the bar examination. For unsuccessful examinees only, the Board will report three scores: the overall total Tennessee Bar examination score, the MBE scaled score and the total scaled essay score. The overall total Tennessee Bar examination score is the sum of the MBE scaled score and the total scaled essay score.

Change in Bar Examination:

Beginning with the February 2012 exam, the Tennessee Bar Examination will be made up of the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) and 9 state essay questions. The examination will be given on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February and July each year, with the MPT and State essays given on Tuesday and the MBE on Wednesday. The dates of the February 2012 Tennessee bar examination will be **Tuesday**, February 28, 2012 and **Wednesday**, February 29, 2012. The dates of the July 2012 Tennessee bar examination will be **Tuesday**, July 24, 2012 and **Wednesday**, July 25, 2012. Because of the change in the testing schedule applicants will no longer be able to take two state bar exams concurrently.